

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 1, 10, 11, 17, and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and FIGS. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the telephone interview granted by the Examiner on June, 12, 2007. The undersigned and the Examiner discussed the prior art and a possible double-patenting rejection. Agreement was not reached.

By the Office Action, claims 1-6, 10-12, 16-24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0172236 to Iyengar et al. (hereinafter Iyengar).

The present claim 1 now recites, *inter alia*, that updating is performed on objects in accordance with one of a plurality of consistency methods where each object has an assigned consistency policy selected on a per-object basis by a content-providing application. (see e.g., specification pages 6 and 7). This is not taught in Iyengar. It is further believed that other aspects of the amended claims are also not taught by Iyengar. Claims 10, 11, 17 and 18 include similar recitations. Since at least these features are not taught by Iyengar, reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the anticipation rejection in favor of an obvious-type rejection to permit the Applicant to consider a terminal disclaimer to permit the case to advance to an allowance.

By the Office Action, claims 7-9, 14-15 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Iyengar in view of U.S. Application Patent No. 2005/0128960 to Chang et al. (hereinafter Chang).

Chang fails to cure the deficiencies of Iyengar as set forth above. Further claims 7-9, 14-15 and 25 are dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance and are therefore also believed to be allowable for at least the stated reasons. Reconsideration of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

It should be noted that the present application, Iyengar and Chang are all commonly assigned to the same entity, International Business Machines. The Applicant will consider filing a terminal disclaimer to overcome any obvious-type double patenting rejections. In any event, the Applicant believes that the prior art exclusion under §103(c) (MPEP 706.2) is applicable to one or more of the rejections made by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

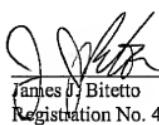
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested in view of the proposed changes.

The Office is authorized to charge the RCE fee of \$790 and the fee of \$120 for a one month extension of time to Applicant's Deposit Account #50-0510. It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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